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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG ETRD OEXC CH US  
SUBJ: CODEL REUSS: OIL DELEGATION FROM US

1. DURING CALL BY CODEL ON VICE MINISTER KENG PIAO, KENG SAID, "...WE CAN ESTABLISH FRIENDSHIP IN THE FIELD OF OIL PRODUCTION. WE KNOW THAT US TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING IS VERYADVANCED. RECENTLY A CHINESE DELEGATION VISITED YOUR COUNTRY FOR A STUDY AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY TO THAT DELEGATION. I HAVE A QUESTION: IF CHINA DESIRES TO INVITE AN OIL DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DO YOU THINK THE US WOULD ACCEPT?" SENATOR BENTSEN AND REPRESENTATIVE LONG REPLIED THAT THEY THOUGH THE US WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT SUCH AN INVITATION.

2. THE PRC WAS PLEASED WITH THEIR HIGH LEVEL PETROLEUM DELEGATION TO THE US, AND SUN CHING-WEN, NOW THAT HE HAS BECOME AMINISTER, APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO RECIPROCAT. WE EXPECT THAT A MORE FORMAL AND PRECISE INVITATION FROM THE PRC WILL SOON BE FORTHCOMING, WHICH WOULD REPRESENT A WELCOME FURTHER STEP IN THE EXCALATION OF THE LEVEL OF SINO-US EXCHANGES. IN VIEW OF US SUCCESS SO FAR IN SELLING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION EQUIPMENT, WE FEEL THAT A JOINT USG-INDUSTRY DELEGATION WOULD BE IDEAL.  
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